

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the following changes to the subject application:

On page 1, in the first paragraph under the heading "Background Art," please make the following amendments as indicated:

A chymase exists in a granule of a mast cell, and it is one of neutral proteinases and deeply relates to the various vital reactions to which the mast cell relates. For example, there are many reports such as the acceleration of degranulation from a mast cell, the activation of interleukin-1 β (IL-1 β), the activation of matrix protease, the degradation of fibronectin or IV-type collagen, the acceleration of release of transforming growth factor- β (TGF- β), the activation of substance-P or vasoactive intestinal polypeptide (VIP), the conversion of angiotensin (Ang) I to Ang II, and the conversion of endothelin. From the above mentioned things, the inhibitor against the activity of said chymase is considered to be promising as a compound applicable to a preventing agent and/or treating agent for a respiratory disease such as bronchial asthma; an inflammatory/allergy disease such as allergic rhinitis, atopic dermatitis or urticaria; a cardiovascular disease such as sclerosing vascular lesion, intravascular stenosis, peripheral circulatory disorder, kidney failure or cardiac failure; a bone/~~ear~~cartilage metabolic disease such as rheumatism or osteoarthritis; or the like.

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On page 53, in the fourth full paragraph, please make the following amendments as indicated:

Here, examples of the disease associated with human chymase include inflammatory diseases, allergy diseases, respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases, bone/~~cartilage~~ cartilage metabolic diseases and the like.